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SUBJECT: TEACHERS CONTINUE TO TROUBLE GOP

1. LA PRENSA EDITORIAL TODAY (FEBRUARY 14) CONDEMMED MILITANT TEACHERS UNION (SUTEP) FOR SETTING ANOTHER "TIME BOMB AGAINST THE REVOLUTION". THE ALLEGED "TIME BOMB" IS A SUTEP AGAINST THE REVOLUTION".

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FORMAL DEMANDS FOR A 3000 SOLES (CIRCA \$70 U.S.) MONTHLY INCREASE WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE EDUCATION MINISTRY APRIL 15. LA PRENSA QUERIES AS TO WHETHER SUTEP LEADERS HOPE FOR "ANOTHER FEBRUARY 5" (ORIGINATING IN A POLICE DISPUTE OVER A PAY RAISE AND OTHER BENEFITS).

2 SINCE SUTEP HAS A HISTORY OF CONFRONTATION WITH THE VELASCO GOVERNMENT AND SINCE UNION LEADERS HAVE DECLARED DETERMINATION TO STRIKE IN SUPPORT OF DEMANDS, THERE EXISTS THE POSSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT/TEACHER CLASH COME APRIL. FAR LEFT LEADERSHIP AND HEAVY APRA PRESENCE IN SUTEP MAKE CONFRONTATION EVEN MORE LIKELY.

3. CURRENT SUTEP POSTURING STEMS FROM RESULT OF ITS NATIONAL CONGRESS HELD IN TRUJILLO THE LAST WEEK OF JANUARY. DEBATE WAS REPORTEDLY CONTENTIOUS BUT CONTROLLED. AS EXPECTED, FAR LEFT GROUPS (PATRIA ROJA, BANDERA ROJA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND VANGUARDIA REVOLUCIONARIA) RETAINED TOP LEADERSHIP

POSITIONS ALTHOUGH APRA-ALIGNED TEACHERS WERE APPARENTLY ELECTED TO FOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS. THE GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS CLAIMED THAT SUTEP ELECTION RESULTS AND ANTI-GOVERNMENT TONE OF CONGRESS WERE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF AN APRA-FAR LEFT ALLIANCE.

4. CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS CHALLENGED THE GOP BY WAY OF FAR LEFT POLITICAL POSTURING AND TOUGH ECONOMIC DEMANDS. THE CONGRESS INTER ALIA AGREED TO:

(A) WORK FOR A GOVERNMENT UNDER DIRECTION OF A PROLETARIAT;

(B) EXPROPRIATE MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES WITHOUT COMPENSATION;

(C) RECOGNIZE FAR LEFT PERUVIAN CAMPESINO CENTRAL (CCP) AS PEASANT ORGANIZATION (ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, SUTEP ALSO APPLAUDED PEASANT LAND INVASIONS);

(D) DEMAND THE RETURN TO UNIVERSITY AUTONOMY;

(E) ENGAGE IN STRIKE ACTION IF NECESSARY IN ORDER SECURE 3,000 SOLES MONTHLY INCREASE. FORMAL UNION DEMANDS TO BE PRESENTED TO EDUCATION MINISTRY APRIL 15.

(F) REQUEST PRICE FREEZE AND GENERAL 3,000 SOLES PER MONTH WAGE INCREASE FOR ALL WORKERS.

5. LIMA PRESS HAS RECENTLY CLAIMED THAT UPCOMING SUTEP STIKES WILL ENCOMPASS USE OF VIOLENCE. PRESS ALSO CONDEMNED SUTEP VERBAL ASSAULT ON SOCIAL MOBILIZATION AGENCY (SINAMOS) AND AGAINST RECENTLY-FORMED MLR WHICH SUTEP TERMS "COLLABORATIONIST AND PARTICIPATIONIST".

6. COMMENT. THE SO-CALLED APRA/ULTRA ALLIANCE IN SUTEP TAKES ON NEW SIGNIFICANCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF FEBRUARY 5-6 CIVIL DISORDERS AND GENERAL FIXING OF BLAME ON APRA AND FAR LEFT. IF AN ACTIVE ALLIANCE INDEED EXISTS IT IS NOT EVIDENT IN SUTEP CONGRESS RESOLUTIONS OR IN LEADERSHIP DECLARATIONS. AT A FEBRUARY 12 PRESS CONFERENCE SUTEP SEC GEN CESAR BARRERA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BAZAN DISCLAIMED ANY SUTEP INVOLVEMENT IN RIOTS. BUT HE DID BLAME APRA AND THE CIA. BARRERA ASKED WHY THE GOP HAD NOT YET MOVED AGAINST APRA AND THE CIA.

7. FOR THEIR PART APRA TEACHERS HAVE IN PAST ACKNOWLEDGED THE CONVERGENCE OF APRA AND FAR LEFT INTERESTS IN SUTEP, ESPECIALLY REGARDING SALARY ISSUES, OPPOSITION TO EDUCATION REFORM AND ANTI-MILGOV FEELING. APRA WOULD HAVE PREFERRED

TO CONTROL SUTEP DIRECTLY BUT ITS FORCES HAVE PREVIOUSLY  
BEEN CONSISTENTLY OUT-MANEUVERED. RATHER THAN SPLIT  
TEACHERS UNION AND WEAKEN BARGAINING STANCE APRA CHOSE TO  
PLAY BALL WITH FAR LEFT LEADERS. WITH CHANCE OF GOP-SUTEP  
CONFRONTATION INCREASING, APRA TEACHERS MAY CONTINUE TO OPT  
FOR LOW-PROFILE, LEAVING FAR LEFT LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ON THE  
MILITARY AND BEAR CONSEQUENCES.  
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